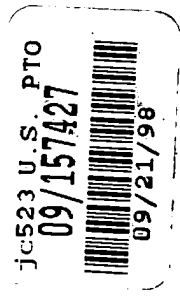


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Sir,

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Enclosed herewith are:

20 pages of written description, claims, abstract, charts and tables;

no drawings;

executed declaration of the inventor with Power of Attorney;

a verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27;

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